

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3 and 4.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, and 23 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a polynucleotide encoding the amino acids from about 1 to about 373 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) a polynucleotide encoding the amino acids from about 2 to about 373 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (c) a polynucleotide encoding the amino acids from about 1 to about 197 and about 236 to about 373 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said amino acids about 197 and about 236 are joined by a peptide bond;
- (d) a polynucleotide encoding the amino acids from about 1 to about 288 and about 336 to about 373 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said amino acids about 288 and about 336 are joined by a peptide bond;
- (e) a polynucleotide encoding the amino acids from about 1 to about 197, amino acids about 236 to about 288, and amino acids about 336 to about 373 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said amino acids about 197 and about 236 are joined by a peptide bond, and said amino acids about 288 and about 336 are joined by a peptide bond;
- (f) a polynucleotide encoding the amino acids from about 1 to about 187 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (g) a polynucleotide encoding the amino acids from about 2 to about 187 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (h) a polynucleotide encoding the amino acids from about 1 to about 198 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (i) the polynucleotide deposited as ATCC Accession No. PTA 89;
- (j) a polynucleotide at least 80% identical to any one of the polynucleotides of (a)-(i);

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(k) the polynucleotide complement of the polynucleotide of any one of the polynucleotides of (a)-(i).

2. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising at least 700 contiguous nucleotides from the coding region of SEQ ID NO:1.

5. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide wherein, except for *at least one* conservative amino acid substitution, said polypeptide has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids from about 1 to about 373 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (b) amino acids from about 2 to about 373 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (c) amino acids from about 1 to about 197 and about 236 to about 373 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said amino acids about 197 and about 236 are joined by a peptide bond;
- (d) amino acids from about 1 to about 288 and about 336 to about 373 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said amino acids about 288 and about 336 are joined by a peptide bond;
- (e) amino acids from about 1 to about 197, amino acids about 236 to about 288, and amino acids about 336 to about 373 of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said amino acids about 197 and about 236 are joined by a peptide bond, and said amino acids about 288 and about 336 are joined by a peptide bond;
- (f) amino acids from about 1 to about 187 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (g) amino acids from about 2 to about 187 of SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (h) amino acids from about 1 to about 198 of SEQ ID NO:2.

SUB D² 23. (Amended) A method of inhibiting cell growth, said method comprising transfecting said cell with a polynucleotide, wherein said polynucleotide is between 8 and 50 nucleotides in length and said between 8 and 50 nucleotides are complementary to a mRNA molecule encoding SEQ ID NO:2.